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The Living Legacy Trust invests in projects that advance sustainable natural resource management and bring environmental, economic and social benefits to the people of Ontario.

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- To facilitate partnerships and cooperation amongst stakeholders with interests in the sustainable use and conservation of Ontario's natural resources.
- To support projects that extend resource management practices in Ontario and go beyond what industry and government have traditionally done.
- To leverage financial and in-kind support for projects that address the environmental, economic and social needs of northern Ontario.
- To support projects of the highest quality and of the greatest benefit to the citizens of Ontario.

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- The board of directors of the Living Legacy Trust seeks consensus on all granting decisions.
- The Living Legacy Trust provides eligible applicants with a fair and open application and project approval process.

- The Living Legacy Trust is committed to sharing knowledge and the results of all projects funded.

- The Living Legacy Trust disseminates up-to-date information about the Trust's programs and project funding through its website at www.livinglegacytrust.org and through ongoing communications activities.

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The Living Legacy Trust was established in 1999 as part of Ontario's Living Legacy - the end result of the provincial government's Crown land planning initiative called Lands for Life.

Ontario's Living Legacy is a strategy for ensuring the long-term health of Ontario's natural resources. It produced the largest expansion of parks and protected areas in the history of the province, and includes measures to improve the business climate for Ontario's resource-based industries. The Living Legacy Trust was established primarily to invest in opportunities to enhance sustainable resource management on Crown land in northern Ontario. The Trust is also helping the forest industry deal with some of the transitional challenges that it faces as a result of the land use planning decisions. By facilitating partnerships and providing leverage, the Living Legacy Trust is contributing to the continued economic health of northern communities.

The board of directors of the Living Legacy Trust includes representatives from the Ontario Forest Industry Association, the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the World Wildlife Fund, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and northern universities. Four members-at-large make up the balance of the eleven-member board.

The Living Legacy Trust has a five-year mandate that expires on March 31, 2004. The provincial government allocated $30 million to the Trust to support its nine funding programs. The Trust is focusing on proposals and partnerships that leverage provincial funding so that the benefits of this support extend well beyond the life of the Trust.

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Substantive results can be seen from many of the projects that the Living Legacy Trust is supporting. Interest in the Trust has been strong, and the quality of the submissions has been high. It is clear from reviewing the list of funded projects in this annual report that the Trust is fulfilling its mandate to bring economic, social and recreational benefits to the people of Ontario. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- The Trust is receiving funding proposals from a broad range of partnerships, including forest companies, economic development offices, First Nation communities, universities, government and non-government organizations, outdoor organizations and other community groups.

- The Trust is actively disbursing grants in eight of its nine programs, with over 60 projects funded to date.

- A total of $15,436,305 has been granted by the Living Legacy Trust to date. Trust funded projects have leveraged $14,726,944 in cash and $10,032,007 in in-kind contributions from project partners.

- The Solid Wood Value-Added Sector Report indicates that new jobs can be created by diversifying and expanding this sector. It goes further to say that northern Ontario's best

leverage will come through investments in improving qualitative measures, including strengthening relationships within the value chain and clustering. Participation in regional meetings held across the North to discuss this report was very strong.

- The Forest Employment Opportunities program is supporting 200 new jobs in the forestry sector. On-the-job work experience is being directed to improving the quality and quantity of Crown wood through tree improvement, tending, and thinning. Many of these jobs are for young people who are getting their first work experience in forestry.

- Almost $2 million has been allocated to First Nation communities for Far North Forestry projects, notably the Whitefeather Forest Initiative (Pikangikum First Nation) and the Moose Cree First Nation Forestry Project (Moose Cree First Nation). These projects enable community-based land use planning, and focus on protecting traditional values and natural resources while creating economic opportunities for First Nations.

- Several forest science research projects are improving on-the-ground management practices and exploring potential advances in intensive silviculture. One of the Trust's more active participants, the Forestry Research Partnership, is ambitiously targeting a ten percent increase in fibre production over ten years, assuming a stable land base.

- Funding from the Trust's fish and wildlife related science programs is linking information on habitat disturbance to fish and wildlife populations at multiple scales. Projects are also calibrating new technologies and tools to measure fish abundance and sustainability, for example acoustic technologies and netting methods, respectively.

- Although diverse in its makeup, the Living Legacy Trust board of directors is working well together. Project-funding decisions are made by consensus. Submissions are being processed expeditiously and no backlogs have been experienced.

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The Living Legacy Trust has passed the halfway point in its five-year mandate. The organizational challenges of launching the Trust and its funding programs are behind us. We are now focusing all of our efforts on evaluating and funding the best possible projects for the advancement of sustainable resource management in Ontario.

Our progress during the past year is very impressive. We are now supporting projects in eight of the Trust's nine funding programs. Grants totaling more than $15 million have been allocated. Of even greater significance, the Trust's funds have been used to leverage almost $25 million from our partners - approximately $15 million in cash and $10 million worth of in-kind contributions.

The Living Legacy Trust has been able to move forward with its program funding efforts because of the strong commitment and dedication of its board members, committee members and staff. I would like to thank everyone involved for their outstanding contributions. We are a diverse group of individuals, but our common interest is that of ensuring the future health of Ontario's forests and our forest economy.

I am particularly proud of our achievements in promoting positive discussions about the future of Ontario's solid wood value-added sector. The Trust commissioned a strategic report examining this vital sector and also organized a series of regional meetings to disseminate and discuss the report. As Ontario's forest industry evolves, value-added wood products will play an increasingly important role.

The Trust is functioning as a catalyst for researching and developing sustainable forest management. We have succeeded in brokering partnerships to make several long-term investments in forest science research when no one company had the resources to make such a commitment alone. The scientific research that the Trust is helping to fund shows exciting

promise.

Another key element of the Living Legacy Trust is its Forest Employment Opportunities Program. We have funded a number of projects, resulting in increased employment of young people in forestry where they are learning the latest silvicultural skills.

Looking ahead over the next two years, the Trust will continue to review and fund responsible projects that meet its goals and objectives. Board members and staff will also ensure that all of the information gleaned by these important projects is easily accessible and in the public domain.

We have built strong momentum for the Trust and its programs. We have made impressive progress. We will continue to move forward to ensure that benefits of the Living Legacy Trust are seen far into the future. When the work of the Trust is finished, we will have left a legacy for future generations.

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The Living Legacy Trust is providing stakeholders in natural resource management with an opportunity to increase their participation in all aspects of resource management, from project design and planning, through to project implementation and monitoring for results. In the process, the Trust believes that resource sustainability will be strengthened. We are now seeing that resource management projects funded by the Trust are helping to find ways to balance economic, environmental and social interests.

The board of directors and staff of the Living Legacy Trust have made excellent progress in the past year in recruiting, assessing, and supporting project proposals. A complete list of funded projects is contained in this annual report, and we have also profiled the outstanding efforts of four of our grant recipients. Our extensive list of funded projects, particularly in the area of scientific research, proves that the Trust provides much more than transitional assistance to resource based industries.

During the past year I have been impressed by the efforts of program participants. Many of the projects involve strong partnerships. Most of the partners also brought funding to the table to leverage the Trust's financial support. The combined potential benefit of these resource management projects is huge and demonstrates that partnerships are indeed the way forward.

As we look to the future, our immediate task is to complete granting for all of our funding programs. This includes commissioning a phase two report directing future opportunities in the solid wood value-added sector. At the same time, we are monitoring project implementation and reporting on project results.

The board and staff at the Living Legacy Trust are working to ensure that all of the results achieved through projects funded by the Trust are in the public domain. Knowledge transfer is paramount to the success of the Trust. I am asking all of our stakeholders and grantees to tell us how this information sharing can best be accomplished. Also, as part of our commitment to communications, the Trust is enhancing its website www.living legacytrust.org. The site will soon offer comprehensive and up-to-date information about each project, as well as links to project websites. Together, the Trust and its program partners are building a valuable knowledge network to advance the cause of sustainable resource management in Ontario.

Living Legacy Trust Funding Programs

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1. Loss of use of roads and bridges **$1.0 million**

To provide compensation to forest companies for loss of use of capital investments in permanent infrastructure that are directly related to Lands for Life regulated land withdrawals.

2. Multi-purpose access roads **$5.0 million**

To fund improvements to multi-purpose access roads on Crown land required due to changes in resource access as a result of Lands for Life land use planning decisions.

3. Far North forestry development **$3.0 million**

To help fund community-based land use planning projects and strategic data collection in areas north of the currently licensed Forest Management Units.

4. Forest science data collection and research **$7.0 million**

To advance forest science research and knowledge specifically relating to increased utilization of Crown timber, and to investigate intensive silvicultural practices. Projects must have matching contributions of cash or in-kind support.

5. Forest employment opportunities **$5.0 million**

To increase the quality and quantity of Crown wood and create training and employment opportunities, with a focus on youth employment. The Trust will provide a maximum of $20,000 per new worker annually.

6. Value-added wood manufacturing **$0.5 million**

To provide strategic information on the solid wood value-added sector in Ontario, specifically baseline and benchmark information on products and markets, and the definition of future opportunities for growth and expansion.

7. Scientific data on fish and wildlife **$3.5 million**

To improve resource management practices that impact on fish and wildlife populations and habitat.

8. Ecological approach to fish and wildlife management **$2.0 million**

To develop science-based guidelines and tools promoting an ecological approach to fish and wildlife management.

9. Benefiting northern communities through fish and wildlife resources **$1.5 million**

To benefit small rural communities by improving access to fish and wildlife resources and by improving habitats. Funding from the Trust must be matched by local cash and in-kind contributions.

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Project: Product Parameter-Based Decision Support System for Jack Pine
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: Amount: $90,000 over three years

Project: Permanent Sample Plot Program
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $285,000 over three years

Project: Technology Transfer
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $405,000 over three years

Project: Competition Studies and Demonstration
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $109,300 over three years

Project: Maximizing the Value of Ontario's Jack Pine Resource
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $330,000 over three years

Project: Logging Damage Impacts and Mitigation in the Boreal and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forests
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $94,000 over three years

Project: Forest Vegetation Simulator Model Validation for Ontario
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $40,000 over three years

Project: Synthesis of Hardwood Research
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $60,000 over two years

Project: Response of Advanced White Pine to Release
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $20,000 over three years

Project: Characterization of Young, Fire Origin Forests in the Far North for Inventory Updates and Planning
Grantee: Long Lake Forest Products
Amount: $48,950

Project: Assessing the Effects of a Spruce Budworm Outbreak in the Boreal Forest
Grantee: Kimberly-Clark
Amount: $20,500

Project: Stand Level Decision Support Systems for Allowable Cut Effect
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership, Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $107,500 over three years

Project: Intensive Forest Management Science Partnerships: NEBIE Plot Network
Grantee: Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network (ULERN)
Amount: $903,500 over three years

Project: Refinement of CENTURY, an Ecosystem Model for Black Spruce in Ontario
Grantee: Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment, Lakehead University
Amount: $39,375 over three years

Project: Acquisition of Ecologically-Based Site Index Information for Seven Major Hardwood Species in Central Ontario
Grantee: Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment, Lakehead University
Amount: $131,750 over three years

Project: Development of Focal Point Seed Zones for White Spruce in Northern Ontario
Grantee: Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment, Lakehead University
Amount: $140,210 over three years

Project: Boreal Permanent Growth Plot Program
Grantee: Forest Ecosystem Science Co-operative
Amount: $679,000 over four years

Project: Application of Remote Sensing Technology to Improve Forest Resources Inventories
Grantee: KBM Forestry Consultants
Amount: $96,500

Project: New Second Generation Breeding Programs
Grantee: Forest Ecosystem Science Co-operative
Amount: $1,812,000 over three years

Project: Field Guides for Seed Orchard Management and Second Generation Progeny Test Management
Grantee: Forest Ecosystem Science Co-operative

Amount: $42,500 over two years

Project: Can Boreal Forest Management Safely Emulate Natural Disturbance Patterns in Shoreline Forests?
Grantee: Forest Ecosystem Science Co-operative
Amount: $617,000 over three years

Project: Developing Mapping and Evaluation Methods to Help Resource Managers Lead Wetland Conservation in Ontario
Grantee: Ducks Unlimited Canada
Amount: $150,000 over two years

Project: Multi-scale Habitat Selection by Northern Flying Squirrels in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forests (GL-StL)
Grantee: Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto
Amount: $65,360 over three years

Project: Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas
Grantee: Federation of Ontario Naturalists
Amount: $190,000

Project: Bridge Replacements on the Redpine Road Corridor
Grantee: Smooth Rock Falls Anglers and Hunters
Amount: $43,320

Project: The Forest Fish
Grantee: Watershed Science Centre, Trent University
Amount: $462,700 over three years

Project: Effects of Timber Harvest on the Use of Aquatic Feeding Sites by Moose in the GL-StL and Transition Forests
Grantee: Westwind Forest Stewardship
Amount: $122,750 over three years

Project: Environmental Impacts of Partial Harvesting in Riparian Reserves in Ontario's Mixedwood Forests
Grantee: Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service
Amount: $575,000 over three years

Project: Cat Lake and Slate Falls First Nations Community-Based Land-Use Planning Initiative
Grantee: Windigo First Nations Council
Amount: $283,000

Project: Whitefeather Forest Initiative - Biophysical Data Collection
Grantee: Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation Pikangikum First Nation
Amount: $501,843

Project: Consultation with Respect to Meaningful Participation of CLFN in Forest Management Activities
Grantee: Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN)
Amount: $127,000

Project: Moose Cree Forestry Project
Grantee: Moose Band Development Corporation Moose Cree First Nation
Amount: $497,978

Project: Community Land-Use Planning and Supporting Activities
Grantee: Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation Pikangikum First Nation
Amount: $240,918

Project: Silviculture Employment Opportunities on the Kenogami Forest
Grantee: Geraldton Community Forest
Amount: $220,000 over two years

Project: To Increase Forest Employment in the French/Severn Forest
Grantee: Westwind Forest Stewardship
Amount: $40,000 over two years

Project: First Nation Ranger Program
Grantee: Bowater Forest Products Division
Amount: $46,800 over two years

Project: Youth Employment Opportunities in the Whiskey Jack and Dryden Forests
Grantee: Moose Creek Reforestation
Amount: $398,000 over two years

Project: Forest Employment Opportunities on the Armstrong Forest
Grantee: Clearwater Reforestation
Amount: $120,000 over three years

Project: Forest Employment Opportunities in the Crossroute Forest
Grantee: TimberRidge Land and Forestry Services
Amount: $120,000 over two years

Project: Ontario's Silviculture Foresters of Tomorrow - Phase 2
Grantee: Haveman Brothers Forestry Services
Amount: $80,000

Project: Loring Deer Yard Tolerant Hardwood Stand Improvement
Grantee: Nipissing Forest Resource Management
Amount: $465,000 over three years

Project: "Conservation Starts at the Tree"
Grantee: Ontario Professional Forest Workers Training Registry
Amount: $20,000

Project: Youth Employment Opportunities on the Whiskey Jack Forest
Grantee: Abitibi-Consolidated - Kenora
Amount: $28,333

Project: Forest Employment Opportunities in the Bancroft Minden Forest
Grantee: Bancroft Minden Forest Company
Amount: $60,000 over three years

Project: Employment Opportunities in the Mazinaw-Lanark Forest
Grantee: Mazinaw-Lanark Forest
Amount: $19,800 over three years

Project: Forest Employment Opportunities in the Smooth Rock Falls Forest
Grantee: Tembec Industries
Amount: $20,000

Project: Ontario's Silviculture Foresters of Tomorrow
Grantee: Haveman Brothers Forestry Services
Amount: $200,000 over two years

Project: Employment Opportunities - Dryden area
Grantee: Outland Reforestation
Amount: $600,000 over three years

Project: Youth Employment Opportunities on the High Rock and Fort Frances-Flanders Forest
Grantee: Abitibi-Consolidated - Fort Frances
Amount: $40,000 over three years

Project: Road 100 Multi-Purpose Road Improvement White River Forest
Grantee: Domtar - White River
Amount: $287,095

Project: A Project to Improve Forest Access on the Algoma Forest
Grantee: Clergue Forest Management
Amount: $323,000 over two years

Project: Road 1002 Multi-Purpose Road Improvement Pineland-Martel Forest
Grantee: Domtar - Timmins
Amount: $230,698

Project: Multi-scale Habitat Selection by American Martens in the GL-StL Forests of Central Ontario
Grantee: Algonquin Forestry Authority / University of Toronto Forestry Faculty
Amount: $54,740 over three years

Project: The Link between Aquatic Habitat and Fish Productivity

Grantee: ULERN
Amount: $364,800 over three years

Project: An Operational Methodology for Measuring and Analyzing Bio-indicators to Support Sustainable Forest Management
Grantee: Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service
Amount: $538,890 over three years

Project: Development of an Acoustic Methodology for Estimating Fish Abundance and Sustainability
Grantee: J.C. Headwaters Canada
Amount: $399,292 over three years

Project: Development of an International Standard for Fish Community Assessment
Grantee: Department of Biology, Laurentian University
Amount: $440,082 over three years

Project: 19 separate forestry-related projects in the FRP program
Grantee: Forestry Research Partnership (FRP), Canadian Ecology Centre
Amount: $382,545

Project: Community Land-Use Planning - Interim Program
Grantee: Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation Pikangikum First Nation
Funding: $160,000

Project: Community Land-Use Planning - Interim Program
Grantee: Moose Band Development Corporation
Amount: $150,000

Project: Phase One - Assessment of Ontario's Solid Wood Value-Added Sector
Grantee: Jaakko Poyry Consulting
Funding: $295,000

Specific Projects

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Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network
Intensive Forest Management Trials Underway

The Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network, a non-profit corporation based in Sault Ste. Marie, has been granted $903,000 by the Living Legacy Trust to pursue new research into intensive forest management.

The organization's most ambitious research undertaking to date, the NEBIE project (an acronym for Natural, Extensive, Basic, Intensive and Elite) is comparing forests managed by a range of intensive silviculture techniques to forests shaped by natural disturbances. Under an elite management system, for example, sites would be fully stocked with only the desired tree species, and there would be ongoing efforts to control insects and disease and to eliminate competing vegetation.

The goal of the NEBIE project is to develop a comprehensive database that can be used to accurately forecast allowable timber cuts, while maintaining the ecological viability of forests. Researchers are examining tree survival, growth rate, wood quality and species diversity, as well as the environmental impacts of numerous forest management applications on soil structure, nutrient cycling, microclimate, vegetation diversity and wildlife habitat. "We're trying to balance the economic and ecological effects of various intensities of forest management," says Margo Shaw, project facilitator.

Four NEBIE research sites covering more than 500 hectares have been established in the Boreal and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest regions. Data on timber yield, economic feasibility and environmental impacts is being gathered from each of these sites. The knowledge gained through the NEBIE trials will allow forest managers to choose the most appropriate level of forest management for each forest type. Forest companies will be better able to minimize environmental impacts, while maximizing their return from the harvest.

The total budget for the NEBIE project is $4.3 million; the Living Legacy Trust is contributing almost one-quarter of this funding. According to Vic Gillman, president of the Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network, the Trust's support was critical to getting NEBIE off the ground. "We could not have started a project of this magnitude and complexity without the Trust's help." Currently, 17 partners are involved in the NEBIE project from government, industry, academic and non-profit organizations.

Forestry Research Partnership
Living Legacy Trust Supports Ambitious Goal to Increase Wood Supply

The Forestry Research Partnership (FRP) has been awarded $1.54 million over three years by the Living Legacy Trust to support ten innovative forest research projects. The FRP is a joint venture of Tembec Incorporated, the Canadian Ecology Centre, the Canadian Forest Service and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

The overall strategic objective of the projects is to increase the wood supply for Tembec. "The target that we've set for ourselves is ten in ten," says George Bruemmer, manager of research and development. "Our goal is to grow an additional ten percent of allowable cut over a ten-year period and to do this in a sustainable and socially acceptable manner."

Can this be done? "A lot of people have said to me that our target is too low," says Bruemmer. "An equal number have said it's a crazy goal, and we will never do it."

Two years into the partnership, the FRP is starting to see some results emerge. "In some forest management units it looks like we will achieve a ten percent increase rather easily," states Bruemmer. "In other management units, it's just not going to happen. So overall, I'd say that ten percent is a fairly ambitious target, but not an impossible one."

Enthusiastic About Knowledge Transfer

Of the ten FRP projects that the Living Legacy Trust is assisting, the Technology Transfer Project is receiving the largest single allocation of Trust funding, at $405,000.

In simple terms, technology transfer or knowledge transfer is telling others what researchers have learned. It is a vital yet often overlooked step that is needed to ensure that the findings of scientific research become part of everyday practice. "Tech transfer is a problem for everyone involved in research," says Bruemmer. "We're trying to beat that problem with this project."

"Our approach is a bit unique. The Forestry Research Partnership has ten projects funded through the Trust, but we have many other research projects also underway - more than 40," states Bruemmer. "Rather than self-contain the tech transfer in each one of these projects, we're essentially going to provide a technology transfer service for all of them. We're going to knit the projects together and deliver a very synthesized and focused package that is of use to the people on the ground."

Bruemmer's knowledge transfer plans also include a tactic which amounts to forced facilitation. "After two years of research, we're going to bring together all of the people who have worked on these various projects. We're going to put them into a workshop environment with the people who work in the field, and we're going to force them to talk to each other about how to operationalize this research," Bruemmer says.

Research is usually shared through written reports or journal articles. "Our approach is a bit different and it's far more invasive," says Bruemmer. "Not all research lends itself to these pressure tactics, but with applied research, it really requires it."

By the time the Trust's five-year mandate is over, the Forestry Research Partnership will be solidly on its feet and should be able to access research funding from other sources. Bruemmer thinks the Trust's support for the FRP came at a critical time. "I believe that the partnership, and the research benefits that it will provide, are something that the people at

the Trust should really be proud of. It would not have happened without them."

Haveman Brothers Forestry Services Ltd.
Trust Giving Forestry Grads A Helping Hand

A small forestry services contractor in northwestern Ontario is making a big contribution to the forest industry by helping to upgrade the skills of new forestry graduates. Haveman Brothers of Kakabeka Falls teamed with Bowater Forest Products to launch Ontario's Silviculture Foresters of Tomorrow. The program uses a variety of workshop training sessions and field experience to help participants acquire valuable skills in all aspects of forest management planning and intensive silviculture.

The Living Legacy Trust contributed $280,000 over three years to support this worthwhile endeavour which, according to Dave Haveman, will have a positive long-term impact. "The program gives new forestry grads the skills they need to contribute to intensive forest management," says Haveman. "It's helping to improve our forests and the forest yield."

The students are involved in a wide range of forest management activities and tree improvement work. They learn how to properly apply herbicide to release planted seedlings; they help to select and gather seed from genetically superior trees for nursery stock; and they are involved in thinning young jack pine stands.

This program was needed because there is no replacement for on-the-job experience. "New forestry grads have a diploma or degree in forestry, but our program gives them hands-on experience in all aspects of silviculture," says Haveman. "They're better trained after spending time with us and they are able to compete successfully for forestry jobs."

As for the involvement of the Living Legacy Trust, Haveman says the program would not have been possible without the Trust's support. "We had good communication with the people at Living Legacy Trust. They were very receptive to our ideas and helpful with advice. The funding process went very smoothly."

The Ontario's Silviculture Foresters of Tomorrow program had a modest start with only six students in 2001. This year 25 new forestry grads are participating in the program.

Smooth Rock Falls Anglers and Hunters
Living Legacy Trust Helps Sportsmen Save Bridges to Wildlife

For almost 50 years, people living near Smooth Rock Falls have used Redpine Road to get to some of the region's best hunting and fishing areas. However, recently it seemed that the community would lose this important recreational access route.

The Tembec forest company no longer needed the old logging road. The Ministry of Natural Resources ordered Tembec to remove two aging bridges in the Muskego River watershed because of safety concerns.

"The bridges provide access to about 70 kilometres of bush roads," says Luc LaBonté, president of Smooth Rock Falls Anglers and Hunters. "It's a great area for hunting, fishing and sightseeing, almost anything that you want to do outdoors."

"We had to keep this road open for the good of our community," says LaBonté. "Hunting, fishing and trapping are very important here - for our own recreation and for economic reasons."

The Anglers and Hunters approached Tembec and MNR to explore options for keeping the access road open. A partnership was formed with the goal of replacing the old bridges with two engineered steel crossings, suitable for ATVs and snowmobiles. The cost was estimated at $150,000.

"There's no way that we could have done this project without the Living Legacy Trust's

help, no way in the world," states LaBonté. "Raising that kind of money is a big challenge in a small community."

The Living Legacy Trust contributed $43,000 to Smooth Rock Falls Anglers and Hunters for the project. Tembec was responsible for removing the old bridges and preparing the site for the new structures - at a cost of about $60,000. MNR provided the expertise needed to rehabilitate the riverbed and other in-kind support, valued at $30,000. The 200 members of the Anglers and Hunters club raised another $11,000 from the community.

"All of the shore work was done properly under MNR's guidance," says LaBonté. "The bank was covered with tarps and crushed rock, the river was restored to its original state, and it looks great."

The Smooth Rock Falls Anglers and Hunters club is now responsible for maintenance on both of the new river crossings and for carrying liability insurance.

"The Redpine Road is used by tourists as well as local people - we've got lots of people who come up here to hunt," says LaBonté. "The fishing is good too. We've stocked five lakes with trout and there's also pickerel and pike. The hunting is excellent - moose, bear and small game. For anyone interested in enjoying the outdoors, this is a great place to visit."

Members' Messages

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Member's Message - Marvi Ricker

The conservation community in Ontario came of age during the Lands for Life consultations. Never before have conservation groups worked together so effectively and with such dramatic results. It is a wonderful success story.

We put aside our personal differences and goals to work in a united and focused way. This cohesion allowed the conservation community to negotiate effectively with the forest industry and with government, resulting in the remarkable achievements of Ontario's Living Legacy. Everyone emerged from this process feeling that they had not lost much, and that they all had gained.

This unity, goodwill and commitment to work together cooperatively have carried over to the board of the Living Legacy Trust. Everyone has tried to understand the different points of view of other board members, and we have worked hard to accommodate them. At times this was a challenge. Board members representing specific sectors often saw more value in certain projects than other members did. Despite these different opinions, most of our funding decisions have been the result of consensus.

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Member's Message - Charles Alexander

The Living Legacy Trust is proving to be an excellent opportunity for those who harvest timber in Ontario. The forest industry is obtaining financial assistance to ensure the sustainability of the forest resource, in partnership with government agencies, academic research institutions, environmental groups and others who are concerned about the future of our forests. In the process, many of the projects supported by the Trust provide the opportunity to improve the forest industry's image in the eyes of its critics and the public.

While the forest industry is an active participant in many of the Living Legacy Trust funding programs, the fish and wildlife community is not taking advantage of the benefits that the Trust can provide. For this reason, hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential project funding for fish and wildlife remain untapped. This is due in part to a funding formula that requires two-to-one matching contributions to access grants for community fish and wildlife projects. Small outdoors groups in northern Ontario often do not have the financial resources or the fundraising ability to compete for grants. However, in-kind contributions, including

volunteer time, can make up the difference.

It is my hope that during the remaining two years of funding for the Living Legacy Trust this situation will correct itself. Angling and hunting organizations must realize that the Trust is a one-time opportunity to enhance access to local fish and wildlife resources. Community groups need to work together to find a way to take advantage of this important funding.

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Member's Message - Lorne Crawford

The Living Legacy Trust has been very successful. We have a strong board of directors, with good representation from all stakeholders. The staff at the Trust is excellent. The process developed to assess applications is functioning smoothly, and the quality of the submissions has been high. As a result, the board has been able to make good progress in implementing its funding programs.

As a member of the science advisory committee, I have been involved in helping to screen all research applications. The Trust has helped to focus forest science research to support the overall strategy of Ontario's Living Legacy - the long-term health and sustainability of the province's natural resources. It has helped to facilitate partnerships and to generate new funding for research. The Living Legacy Trust has revitalized forest science research in Ontario.

The challenge that we now face is how to sustain this new level of research activity. This is an important topic for the board of the Trust to pursue over the next two years. We must encourage discussions involving all of our partners - industry, government and the environmental community - about ways to foster this renewed commitment to research in order to keep forest science alive in Ontario.

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Living Legacy Trust

Statement of Financial Position

Year ended March 31, 2002, with comparative figures for 2001

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Assets		
Investments:		
Cash and short-term, investment funds	$ 7,658,735	$ 3,919,609
Interest receivable	322,185	521,427
Investments	19,049,104	26,486,215
Prepaid expense	7,912	2,355
	$ 27,037,936	$ 30,929,606
Liabilities and Net Assests		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	45,563	43,872
Grants payable	9,718,424	1,684,756
	9,763,987	31,728,628

Statement of Expenditures and Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2002, with comparative figures for 2001

	2002	2001
Expenditures		
Grants:		
Loss of use of Roads and Bridges	$ -	$ -
Multi-purpose Access Roads	841,063	-
Far North Forestry Development	1,650,739	310,000
Forest Scientific Data Collection and Research	6,072,091	382,545
Forest Employment Opportunities	2,477,933	-
Value-added Wood Manufacturing	-	295,000
Scientific Data on Fish and Wildlife	763,110	1,797,804
Ecological Approach to Fish and Wildlife Management	802,700	-
Benefiting Northern Communities through Fish and Wildlife Resources	43,320	-
	12,650,956	2,785,349
Administrative:		
Human Resources	$ 377,930	$ 334,415
Operating	102,525	130,728
Program	154,273	199,841
Board	101,582	96,948
Professional	76,061	110,109
Office	17,997	22,835
	830,368	894,876
	(13,481,324)	(3,680,225)
Revenue		
Interest 1	1,768,171	1,955,324
Realized loss	(213,876)	(55,764)
	1,554,295	1,899,560
Excess of expenditures over revenue	(11,927,029)	(1,780,665)
Net assests, beginning of year	(29,200,978)	(30,981,643)
Net assests, end of year	$ (17,273,949)	$ (29,200,978)

Statement of Cash Flow

Year ended March 31, 2002, with comparative figures for 2001

	2002	2001
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operations:		
Excess of expenditures over revenue	$ (11,927,029)	$ (1,780,665)
Change in non-cash operating items:		
Interest receivable	199,242	18,007
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,691	(64,436)
Grants payable	8,033,668	1,684,756
Prepaid expense	(3,697,985)	(144,693)
Investments:		
Net proceeds on marketable securities	7,437,111	2,921,621
Increase in cash and short-term investment funds	3,739,126	2,776,928

Cash and short-term investment fund, beginning of year	3,919,609	1,142,681
Cash and short-term investment funds, end of year	$ 7,658,735	$ 3,919,609

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